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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 143765

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: UNCTAD, EGEN

SUBJECT: UNCTAD CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES

RE: STATE 142000

1. MISSION WILL HAVE NOTED THAT CONSULTATIONS AMONG MEMBERS OF UNCTAD WORKING GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE IN GENEVA BEGINNING OF SEPT. DEPT BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT GROUP B MEET TO CONCERT VIEWS WELL BEFORE THAT, PARTICULARLY ON QUESTION OF WHAT REVISION IT WILL SEEK OF LAST SENTENCE OF BRILLANTES PROPOSAL ON NATIONALIZATION DESCRIBED REFTEL. DEPT IS NOW UNDERTAKING TO CONSIDER WHETHER THAT LAST SENTENCE SHOULD BE DEL:TED OR WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK TO RESTORE "OBLIGATIONS" INSTEAD OF "COMMITMENTS OR UNDERTAKINGS" OR SEEK ANOTHER FORMULA, SUCH AS "RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES".

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INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL. WE BELIEVE SUCH

CONCERT AMONG GROUP B IMPORTANT NOT ONLY FOR SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIONS BUT FOR AGREEMENT ON BILATERAL DEMARCHES THAT USG AND EC MAY MAKE TO SELECTED LDCS IN COURSE OF AUGUST.

2. SCHWEBEL WILL TAKE PART IN ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND

IS LIKELY TO RUN CIRCA JULY 25-AUGUST 3. REQUEST YOU PROPOSE GROUP B CONSULTATION IN GENEVA JUST AFTER THAT, OR, IF THAT IS IMPRACTICAL, DURING OR JUST BEFORE THAT PERIOD. IF THERE WILL BE A GAP BETWEEN ECOSOC CONSIDERATION OF MULTINATIONALS AND PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY, THAT WOULD BE IDEAL TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS ON UNCTAD CHARTER FROM SCHWEBEL'S VIEWPOINT. WE WOULD HOPE THAT AMB FERGUSON COULD TAKE PART, AND SUGGEST THAT YOU INDICATE TO OTHER GROUP B MEMBERS THAT WE HOPE THAT OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE CONCERNED WITH THE UNCTAD CHARTER IN THE SEPTEMBER CONSULTATIONS AND IN THE NEXT UNGA WILL PARTICIPATE. ONE DAY MTG SHOULD SUFFICE TO CONCERT POSITIONS ON VARIOUS OUTSTANDING ITEMS.

3. PLS RPT YOUR REPLY TO SCHWEBEL AT AMEMB STOCKHOLM. SISCO

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